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- A** Photocopied Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Incident Report URN 921-02159-2610-145, dated 02/16/21 and Associated Supplemental Reports.
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- D** Photographed Copy of Taser Activity Log for Model X26P Serial # [REDACTED] dated 02/16/21.
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### Incident Information

URN: <b>9 2 1 - 0 2 1 5 9 - 2 6 1 0 - 1 4 5</b>		Date: <b>02/16/21</b>	Time: <b>1456 Hours</b>
Location: <b>38678 15th Street East</b>	City or Station: <b>Palmdale</b>		
Bureau/Station/Facility: <b>North Patrol Division / Palmdale Station</b>	Admin. Investigation: <input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO		
Type of Force: <b>Taser, Personal Weapons, Team Take-down and Control Techniques</b>			
Incident Category: <input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> 3		Deputy Injury: <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO    Suspect Injury: <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	
<input type="checkbox"/> Call	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Observation	<input type="checkbox"/> Detail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Foot Pursuit <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Pursuit
IAB Notified: <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		Person Notified: <b>Lt. Tom Arellano</b>	Emp: <b>[REDACTED]</b> IAB Roll Out: <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO

### Involved Employee

<b>E 1</b>	Employee #	Last Name	First Name		Middle I.	Rank
	<b>[REDACTED]</b>	<b>Runge</b>	<b>Blake</b>		<b>L.</b>	<b>Dep.</b>
Sex: <input checked="" type="radio"/> M <input type="radio"/> F		Race: <b>W</b>	Height: <b>[REDACTED]</b>	Weight: <b>[REDACTED]</b>	Age: <b>[REDACTED]</b>	Shift: <input type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> Day <input checked="" type="radio"/> PM
		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Regular Shift <input type="radio"/> OT Shift <input type="radio"/> Off Duty				
Unit of Assignment: <b>Palmdale Station</b>			Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): <b>266</b>			
Individual Force Used: <b>Takedown, Personal Weapons, Control Techniques</b>						Individual Category: <input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> 3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Injured <input type="checkbox"/> Treated <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted    Facility: <b>Declined Medical Treatment</b>						Coroner Case #

<b>E 2</b>	Employee #	Last Name	First Name		Middle I.	Rank
	<b>[REDACTED]</b>	<b>Cosola</b>	<b>Jacob</b>		<b>M.</b>	<b>Dep.</b>
Sex: <input checked="" type="radio"/> M <input type="radio"/> F		Race: <b>W</b>	Height: <b>[REDACTED]</b>	Weight: <b>[REDACTED]</b>	Age: <b>[REDACTED]</b>	Shift: <input type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> Day <input checked="" type="radio"/> PM
		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Regular Shift <input type="radio"/> OT Shift <input type="radio"/> Off Duty				
Unit of Assignment: <b>Palmdale Station</b>			Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): <b>266</b>			
Individual Force Used: <b>Taser, Takedown, Personal Weapons, Control Techniques</b>						Individual Category: <input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> 3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Injured <input type="checkbox"/> Treated <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted    Facility: <b>Declined Medical Treatment</b>						Coroner Case #

<b>E</b>	Employee #	Last Name	First Name		Middle I.	Rank
Sex: <input type="radio"/> M <input type="radio"/> F		Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift: <input type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> Day <input type="radio"/> PM
		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Regular Shift <input type="radio"/> OT Shift <input type="radio"/> Off Duty				
Unit of Assignment:			Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):			
Individual Force Used:						Individual Category: <input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3
<input type="checkbox"/> Injured <input type="checkbox"/> Treated <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted    Facility:						Coroner Case #

### On Duty Supervisor

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
<b>[REDACTED]</b>	<b>Scott</b>	<b>Christian</b>	<b>T.</b>	<b>Sgt.</b>	<input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	<input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
Supervisor Completing Investigation						
Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
<b>[REDACTED]</b>	<b>Jordan</b>	<b>James</b>	<b>T.</b>	<b>Sgt.</b>	<input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	<input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant						
Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank		
<b>[REDACTED]</b>	<b>Saucedo</b>	<b>Jesus</b>		<b>Lt.</b>		

<b>Lt. Saucedo</b> Watch Commander / Sup Unit Commander (Print Name)	Lieutenant's Signature: Unit Commander's Signature:	Date: <b>11/29/21</b> Copy Provided to Employee by: <b>[REDACTED]</b> # Emp #: <b>[REDACTED]</b> Date: <b>[REDACTED]</b>	Original: Discovery Unit Copy: Unit Commander SH-R-438P (Rev. 01/13)
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# Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

## SUSPECT INFORMATION

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### Suspect Information

**S** 1

Last Name <b>Hanson</b>		First Name <b>Moses</b>		Middle Name <b>Ronald</b>		Armed? Select <input type="checkbox"/> Not Armed	
AKA Last Name		First Name		Middle Name			
Sex: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female	Race: <b>W</b>	Age: <b>22</b>	Height: <b>511</b>	Weight: <b>180</b>	D.O.B: <b>11/23/09</b>	Phone #1: <input type="radio"/> H <input type="radio"/> W <input type="radio"/> C <b>None</b>	Phone #2: <input type="radio"/> H <input type="radio"/> W <input type="radio"/> C
Street Address: <b>[REDACTED]</b>				City: <b>[REDACTED]</b>		State & Zip Code: <b>[REDACTED]</b>	
Booking #: <b>6126833</b>		Primary Charge Code: <b>69 PC</b>		Secondary Charge Code: <b>594(a) PC</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Criminal History	
Treated on Scene? <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		Name: <b>LACoF Capt Easton</b>		Unit: <b>Engine 37</b>		Phone #: <b>661-947-7244</b>	
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Rec'd Treatment At: <b>Palmdale Regional MC</b>		Coroner Case #:		Mental History <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <small>User's guide provides direction on this entry</small>	
By: <b>Dr. John Stroh</b>		Address: <b>38600 Medical Center Dr. Palmdale, CA</b>				Phone #: <b>661-382-5000</b>	
Under Influence: <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		Substance: <b>CNS Stimulant</b>		5150 a factor in force? <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO <small>User's guide provides direction on this entry</small>			
Date: <b>02/16/21</b>		Time:		<input type="checkbox"/> Audiotape: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Videotape: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photos of Injuries:		<input type="checkbox"/> ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS	

### Suspect Information

**S**

Last Name		First Name		Middle Name		Armed? Select	
AKA Last Name		First Name		Middle Name			
Sex: <input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female	Race:	Age:	Height:	D.O.B:	Weight:	Phone #1: <input type="radio"/> H <input type="radio"/> W <input type="radio"/> C	Phone #2: <input type="radio"/> H <input type="radio"/> W <input type="radio"/> C
Street Address:				City:		State & Zip Code:	
Booking #:		Primary Charge Code:		Secondary Charge Code:		<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal History	
Treated on Scene? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		By:		Unit:		Phone #:	
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Rec'd Treatment At:		Coroner Case #:		Mental History <input type="checkbox"/> <small>User's guide provides direction on this entry</small>	
By:		Address:				Phone #:	
Under Influence: <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		Substance:		5150 a factor in force? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO <small>User's guide provides direction on this entry</small>			
Date:		Time:		<input type="checkbox"/> Audiotape: <input type="checkbox"/> Videotape: <input type="checkbox"/> Photos of Injuries:		<input type="checkbox"/> ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS	

### Suspect Information

**S**

Last Name		First Name		Middle Name		Armed? Select	
AKA Last Name		First Name		Middle Name			
Sex: <input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female	Race:	Age:	Height:	D.O.B:	Weight:	Phone #1: <input type="radio"/> H <input type="radio"/> W <input type="radio"/> C	Phone #2: <input type="radio"/> H <input type="radio"/> W <input type="radio"/> C
Street Address:				City:		State & Zip Code:	
Booking #:		Primary Charge Code:		Secondary Charge Code:		<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal History	
Treated on Scene? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		By:		Unit:		Phone #:	
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Rec'd Treatment At:		Coroner Case #:		Mental History <input type="checkbox"/> <small>User's guide provides direction on this entry</small>	
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☐ Additional Suspects Involved

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## EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

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Employee Witnesses					
Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name		
Unit of Assignment:		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):		Shift: <input type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> Day <input type="radio"/> PM <input type="radio"/> Regular <input type="radio"/> OT <input type="radio"/> Off Duty	
Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name		
Unit of Assignment:		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):		Shift: <input type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> Day <input type="radio"/> PM <input type="radio"/> Regular <input type="radio"/> OT <input type="radio"/> Off Duty	
Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name		
Unit of Assignment:		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):		Shift: <input type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> Day <input type="radio"/> PM <input type="radio"/> Regular <input type="radio"/> OT <input type="radio"/> Off Duty	
Non-Employee Witnesses					
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	Age      D.O.B.
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	Age      D.O.B.
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	Age      D.O.B.
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Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	Age      D.O.B.
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

☐ Additional Witness

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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## FORCE REVIEW SUMMARY

**FO2526126**

**INCIDENT:** Category 3 Use of Force, Zygomatic Arch Fracture  
**DATE/TIME:** February 16, 2021 / 1456 Hours  
**URN:** 921-02159-2610-145  
**LOCATION:** [REDACTED] East Avenue Q2, Palmdale, CA. 93552

### **SYNOPSIS**

On February 16, 2021, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Force/Shooting rollout team, comprised of Lieutenant Thomas Arellano, Sergeant James Jordan, and Sergeant Layne Arnold, responded to Palmdale Station, regarding a reported Category 3 use of force following a foot pursuit. The use of force incident resulted in Moses Hanson (suspect) sustaining a minor fracture to his left zygomatic arch. Suspect Hanson was arrested for multiple charges associated with this incident. The incident was documented under uniform reporting number (URN) 921-02159-2610-145 see associated reports **[EXHIBIT A]**.

### **SUMMARY**

On February 16, 2021, Palmdale Station patrol Deputies Runge (passenger) and Cosola (driver) were assigned to Unit 266 PM shift (See Palmdale In-Service **Miscellaneous Documents**). While patrolling in their marked black and white Department vehicle southbound on 15<sup>th</sup> Street East near East Avenue Q2, they saw Suspect Hanson seated on the east sidewalk. As they drove past, Deputy Cosola saw Suspect Hanson had fresh dirt on his clothing. Deputy Cosola also saw Suspect Hanson was sitting near a toppled city tree and a long round point shovel. Refer to scene photos **[EXHIBIT B]**.

Deputy Cosola conducted a U-turn and approached Suspect Hanson from the south, placing him on Deputy Runge's side of the vehicle. Deputy Cosola stopped the vehicle a few feet away from Suspect Hanson. While in their patrol vehicle, Deputy Runge

asked Suspect Hanson what he was doing. Suspect Hanson replied with incomprehensible words and fragmented phrases. While Suspect Hanson spoke, Deputy Runge observed signs Suspect Hanson was possibly under the influence of a controlled substance. Suspect Hanson spoke rapidly, slurred his words, and appeared to move his extremities uncontrollably.

Deputies Runge and Cosola exited their patrol vehicle to conduct a possible vandalism and an under the influence of a controlled substance investigation. As they exited their patrol vehicle, Suspect Hanson quickly stood up and ran northbound on the east sidewalk of the street. As Suspect Hanson ran northbound, he transitioned from the sidewalk to the middle of the street. Deputies Runge and Cosola immediately gave chase. Within seconds, Deputy Runge initiated emergent radio traffic [EXHIBIT C] on the "patch" and broadcasted his unit, his location and that they were in foot pursuit of a narcotics suspect.

As Deputies Runge and Cosola chased Suspect Hanson, they gave him verbal commands to stop. While the deputies closed the distance to Suspect Hanson, Deputy Cosola drew his Taser from its holster. Suddenly, Suspect Hanson stopped in the middle of the street and turned toward the deputies. Suspect Hanson took a fighting stance with his fists up near his face. Deputy Cosola and Runge stopped within feet of Suspect Hanson. Deputy Cosola told Suspect Hanson to "Get down on the ground or I'll shoot you with my Taser." Suspect Hanson did not comply, but instead, he lowered his center of gravity and widened his stance.

Deputy Cosola employed the Taser by shooting the cartridge darts at Suspect Hanson's center mass. See Taser Activity Log [EXHIBIT D]. The Taser made a crackling sound as if it functioned correctly, but it did not have the desired effect of electro-muscular incapacitation. Deputy Cosola thought Suspect Hanson's bulky jacket effected the darts from making contact with Suspect Hanson's skin. Suspect Hanson did not appear to be effected by the Taser. Instead, Suspect Hanson turned and ran northbound in the middle of 15<sup>th</sup> Street east. Deputies Cosola and Runge continued their foot pursuit of Suspect Hanson.

**IAB Note:** The Taser Activity Log indicated three "Trigger" activations. The first trigger activation occurred at 15:22:33 just seconds after contacting Suspect Hanson. The second activation, minutes later, at 15:25:08, and the third activation at 15:25:23 were explained by Deputy Cosola as testing the Taser for functionality (See Deputy Cosola transcript page 23 lines 18-20). Deputy Cosola test activated the Taser after the incident because it was not effective on Suspect Hanson. After testing it, Deputy Cosola determined the Taser was functional, but was likely defeated by Suspect Hanson's bulky clothing which blocked the cartridge barbs from making contact with his skin.

**Based on the trigger activation times, investigators inferred the initial activation of seven seconds occurred during an extended trigger pull during the confrontation with Suspect Hanson. Additionally, investigators inferred that due to the proximal times between the second and third activations (15 seconds), Deputy Cosola tested the Taser twice for functionality following the incident.**

A short distance later, Suspect Hanson turned westbound and ran up a residential dirt and gravel driveway at [REDACTED] E. Avenue Q2, located on the west side of 15<sup>th</sup> Street. See Scene Map [EXHIBIT E]. Once halfway up the driveway, Suspect Hanson suddenly stopped and turned toward the deputies. Suspect Hanson again took a fighting stance with his fists up, wide gait, and a lowered center of gravity. Deputies Runge and Cosola ran right up to Suspect Hanson to gain control of him and to stop him from escaping. Upon contacting him, Suspect Hanson punched Deputy Runge approximately three times in his left shoulder.

**IAB Note: Deputy Runge who is much taller than Suspect Hanson said he thought Suspect Hanson punched his left shoulder because he could not reach his face due a significant height difference.**

Deputy Runge simultaneously defended himself by punching Suspect Hanson in the face twice. These two punches appeared to stun Suspect Hanson momentarily. Deputy Cosola, who was standing immediately to the left of Deputy Runge, simultaneously grabbed Suspect Hanson's right arm and used his body weight to force him down to the ground. Suspect Hanson landed on the gravel driveway on the left side of his shoulder and did not appear to strike his head.

Once on the ground, Suspect Hanson continued to punch and kick toward the deputies who went to the ground with him. Deputy Runge was positioned on his knees next to Suspect Hanson's upper body.

The deputies gave Suspect Hanson verbal commands to stop fighting, but he continued to flail his torso side to side while he threw wild punches and kicked toward the deputies. As Suspect Hanson wildly punched toward Deputy Runge, Deputy Runge blocked his punches with his left arm while he simultaneously punched Suspect Hanson in the face with his right fist. Deputy Runge punched Suspect Hanson approximately seven times in the face to stop his assault.

Deputy Cosola was positioned on his knees near Suspect Hanson's lower body. Suspect Hanson wildly kicked his feet toward Deputy Cosola. Deputy Cosola responded by kneeling Suspect Hanson in his right thigh approximately two times. Once the deputies punched and kneed Suspect Hanson, he stopped fighting and appeared

exhausted. Seconds later, Deputies Runge and Cosola were able to control Suspect Hanson's arms.

Deputy Cosola stated once Suspect Hanson stopped fighting, Deputies Cosola and Runge controlled Suspect Hanson with their body weight on his arms. They deputies waited for assisting units to arrive before they handcuffed Suspect Hanson. Once Suspect Hanson stopped fighting, Deputies Runge, and Cosola handcuffed Suspect Hanson prior to the arrival of assisting units. Deputies Runge and Cosola stated the handcuffing was not resisted and there was no additional force applied.

**IAB Note: When interviewed by IAB investigators, Deputies Runge and Cosola recalled the handcuffing portion of the incident differently. Deputy Runge remember he and Deputy Cosola handcuffed Suspect Hanson without any assisting units present. However, Deputy Cosola recalled there being assisting units present when Suspect Hanson was handcuffed. Both Deputies Runge and Cosola were consistent Suspect Hanson did not resist handcuffing.**

Once assisting units arrived, Suspect Hanson was hobbled above his knees. The application of the Hobble restraint device was not resisted. During a search of Suspect Hanson's person, deputies found a broken methamphetamine pipe and miscellaneous trash in his pant pockets. Once searched, Suspect Hanson was escorted to a patrol vehicle where he was secured in the rear seat pending the arrival of paramedic for a medical evaluation.

During a canvas for witnesses, Palmdale Station Sergeant Grimes located and interviewed Witness [REDACTED]. Witness [REDACTED] worked at the [REDACTED] located [REDACTED] from the incident. His perspective from [REDACTED] driveway, Witness [REDACTED] saw two deputies, one with a yellow Taser in his hand, chase a suspect northbound on 15<sup>th</sup> Street east. Witness [REDACTED] saw the suspect run into a residential yard, turn, and punch one of the deputies in the face. Witness [REDACTED] saw the other deputy simultaneously tackle the suspect to the ground.

Sergeant Grimes also interviewed Witness [REDACTED] who spoke Spanish. Witness [REDACTED] was at the [REDACTED] across the street from the incident. He saw two deputies chase a suspect. They ordered him to stop, but he did not comply. The suspect ran into a yard of a residence and stopped. The suspect punched one of the deputies in the face and the deputy punched him back, and the deputies tackled him to the ground. See Sergeant Grimes Video Interviews [EXHIBIT F].

The [REDACTED] had some exterior surveillance cameras, but the surveillance cameras only viewed the [REDACTED] and its grounds. None of the surveillance cameras captured the street or the incident.

**IAB Note:** A handheld video camera was used to capture the scene immediately following the incident. It depicted a 360 degree view of the front yard of [REDACTED] E. Avenue Q 2. It documented the location and surface of the incident [EXHIBIT F].

Suspect Hanson was treated at the scene by the Los Angeles County Fire Department Station 37 personnel under the command of Captain Easton. Suspect Hanson was later transported to Palmdale Regional Medical Center by uninvolved deputies. Suspect Hanson was evaluated by Doctor John Stroh and diagnosed with a bloody nose and a minimally displaced acute fracture of his left zygomatic arch. See booking clearance paperwork with zygomatic arch image [EXHIBIT G].

Suspect Hanson was booked at Palmdale Station for assault on a peace officer, vandalism, narcotics related misdemeanors, and having outstanding warrants. See booking package **Miscellaneous Documents**.

### **IAB INVESTIGATION**

IAB investigators responded to Palmdale Station where they recovered all available associated reports, audio files, and videos. IAB investigators contacted Suspect Hanson in the station jail after being treated at the hospital. Suspect Hanson was inside a holding cell where he had completely disrobed. While outside the cell door, IAB investigators gained Suspect Hanson's cooperation.

Investigators conducted a voluntary interview of Suspect Hanson in which the majority of his responses appeared to be delusional. IAB investigators asked Suspect Hanson to identify his injuries [EXHIBIT B]. IAB Investigators saw Suspect Hanson had mild discoloration near his eyes and nose which appeared swollen. He had minor abrasions, lacerations, and contusions on his scalp, hands and back. Investigators did not see any obvious penetrating wounds that appeared to be caused by the Taser barbs. It appeared Suspect Hanson recently attempted to shave or cut his hair short contemporaneous to his arrest. Some of the scalp injuries appeared as minor lacerations as a result of the haircut. The scalp lacerations appeared to be scabbed and in different stages of healing.

IAB investigators attempted to interview Suspect Hanson a second time, but were unable to locate him at his last two known addresses. Investigators sent interview request letters via certified mail to Suspect Hanson, but to date, investigators have not been contacted **Miscellaneous Documents**.

### **INVOLVED PERSONNEL AND EMPLOYEE WORK HISTORY:**

**Runge, Blake, Deputy #** [REDACTED]

North Patrol Division / Palmdale Station

Date of Employment:  
Date assigned to unit:  
Completed Training:  
Prior Category 3 Force Incidents:  
Prior Shooting Incidents:

04/21/2016



**Equipment Worn by Deputy Runge:**

"Class B" uniform shirt with sheriff patches on both shoulders, nametape, bullet-resistant vest, green pants, and black boots.

Gun belt containing the following equipment:

Smith & Wesson, M&P, 9 millimeter, semiautomatic pistol, loaded with a magazine  
(2) Magazines with live ammunition  
Oleoresin Capsicum Pepper Spray  
(1) Handcuffs  
Handheld portable radio  
A knife  
Tourniquet  
Taser  
Flashlight

**Cosola, Jacob, Deputy #** 

North Patrol Division / Palmdale Station

Date of Employment:  
Date assigned to unit:  
Completed Training:  
Prior Category 3 Force Incidents:  
Prior Shooting Incidents:

09/17/2015



**Equipment Worn by Deputy Cosola:**

"Class A" uniform shirt with sheriff patches on both shoulders a metal badge, nameplate, bullet-resistant vest, green pants, and black boots.

Gun belt containing the following equipment:

Smith & Wesson, M&P, 9 millimeter, semiautomatic pistol, loaded with a magazine  
(2) Magazines with live ammunition  
Oleoresin Capsicum Pepper Spray  
(2) Handcuffs  
Handheld portable radio  
Expanded baton and holder  
Tourniquet  
Taser with holster

Radio car keys

**IAB Note:** At the time of this incident, Palmdale Station patrol personnel were not assigned body worn cameras.

### **SUSPECT INFORMATION**

**Moses Ronald Hanson**

Male/ White

**Date of Birth:**

11/23/1998 (22 years old)

**Criminal History:**



[Miscellaneous Documents]).

### **SUSPECT INJURIES**

As a result of the force incident, Suspect Hanson sustained a bloody nose and a left zygomatic arch fracture. Additionally, Suspect Hanson had multiple minor lacerations, contusions, and abrasions on his scalp, hands, and torso. Suspect Hanson was treated and given a clearance to be booked. He was released from the Palmdale Regional Medical Center.

### **DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES**

Deputies Runge and Cosola sustained minor lacerations and abrasions to their hands as a result of this incident.

### **PHYSICAL EVIDENCE**

One (1) broken glass used methamphetamine pipe.

### **INVESTIGATOR OBSERVATIONS**

None.

### **WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL**

Deputy Cosola fired the Taser one time at Suspect Hanson which appeared ineffective.

### **WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT HANSON**

No weapons.

## **PROPERTY DAMAGE**

A city of Palmdale tree and broken cement were damaged, and valued at approximately \$600.

## **CHARGES FILED AND DISPOSITIONS**

The criminal aspect of the incident was investigated by Palmdale Station Detective Desiree Sanchez, # [REDACTED]. The Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles charged Suspect Hanson with two counts of Felony Assault on a Peace Officer, 69 PC and one count of Felony Vandalism 594(a) PC. See court filing, Case number MA080764 [EXHIBIT H].

On May 5, 2021, Suspect Hanson plead nolo contendere to one count of 69 PC. He was released from custody on August 10, 2021, pending further hearings. On August 18, 2021, Suspect Hanson failed to appear in court, and a no bail warrant was issued for his arrest. At the time this case was authored, he remained at large on the warrant.

## **LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS**

The time of the incident was approximately 1456 hours, during daylight. The weather was cool and dry.

## **STATEMENTS**

*The following are summaries of the recorded interviews of the involved employees, witnesses, and the suspect statement to IAB investigators. For additional information, refer to the attached verbatim transcripts and/or audio files.*

## **INVOLVED EMPLOYEE STATEMENTS**

### **Deputy Blake Runge**

On October 14, 2021, at 1619 hours, Deputy Runge was interviewed by IAB investigators. The interview took place at Palmdale Station and Deputy Runge chose to speak with investigators without representation.

On February 16, 2021, Deputy Runge was assigned to Palmdale Station patrol as Unit 266 PM shift with his partner Deputy Cosola. While patrolling the city of Palmdale in their marked patrol vehicle, Deputy Cosola saw a male (Suspect Hanson) sitting on the sidewalk next to a downed tree and a shovel. Deputy Cosola stopped their vehicle within feet of Suspect Hanson. When Deputy Runge engaged Suspect Hanson in conversation from within their vehicle, he noticed Suspect Hanson's clothes were dirty and he exhibited the signs of being under the influence of a controlled substance.

When Deputies Runge and Cosola exited their vehicle to investigate further about the downed tree and possible narcotic use, Suspect Hanson stood up and ran northbound 15<sup>th</sup> Street. Deputy Runge and Cosola initiated a foot pursuit of Suspect Hanson. Immediately, Deputy Runge requested emergent radio traffic and broadcasted pertinent foot pursuit information, while Deputy Cosola yelled verbal commands for Suspect Hanson to stop. Within seconds, Suspect Hanson stopped in the middle of the street and turned toward Deputy Cosola with his fist up. Deputy Cosola fired his Taser at Suspect Hanson from approximately twelve feet away. Deputy Runge heard the Taser make a loud clicking, buzzing sound, but said it did not have the desired effect on Suspect Hanson.

Suspect Hanson turned and continued to run northbound on 15<sup>th</sup> Street a short distance before running up the driveway of a nearby residence. Deputies Runge and Cosola continued to chase Suspect Hanson, and they closed the distance as he turned up the driveway. Within feet, Suspect Hanson stopped and turned toward the deputies. He took a fighting stance with his fists up in front of his face and punched Deputy Runge in the shoulder three times.

Deputy Runge punched Suspect Hanson twice in the face with his fists, while Deputy Cosola simultaneously grabbed Suspect Hanson's right arm and conducted a take down. Suspect Hanson fell to the ground on his left side, and Deputies Runge and Cosola went to their knees next to him. Once on the ground, Suspect Hanson continued to fight the deputies by "flailing his fists" back and forth toward them. Deputy Runge said Suspect Hanson was assaultive and trying to escape their control. Deputy Runge punched Suspect Hanson in the face approximately seven times with his right fist while blocking Suspect Hanson's punches with his left arm. Simultaneously, Deputy Runge saw what appeared to be Deputy Cosola knee striking Suspect Hanson on his lower extremities. The punches were effective as Suspect Hanson stopped his assault and appeared "gassed out."

Suspect Hanson was restrained with handcuffs and a Department-approved Ripp hobble restraint device. Suspect Hanson did not resist handcuffing or hobbling. Suspect Hanson was searched and found to be in possession of a methamphetamine pipe. Deputy Runge said the only injury he saw on Suspect Hanson was a bloody nose. Suspect Hanson was treated at the scene by paramedics.

Deputy Runge reported his force used and witnessed to Sergeant Christian Scott.

#### **Deputy Jacob Cosola**

On October 12, 2021, at 1431 hours, Deputy Cosola was interviewed by IAB investigators. The interview took place at Palmdale Station and Deputy Cosola chose to speak with investigators without representation.

On February 16, 2021, Deputy Cosola was assigned to Palmdale Station patrol as Unit

266, PM shift, with his partner Deputy Runge. While patrolling the city of Palmdale in their marked patrol vehicle, Deputy Cosola saw a white male that appeared to be a transient (Suspect Hanson) sitting on the sidewalk next to a downed fifteen foot tree and damaged concrete.

Deputy Cosola drove their patrol vehicle toward Suspect Hanson and contacted him on the passenger side of their patrol vehicle. Deputy Runge spoke with Suspect Hanson who appeared to be under the influence of a controlled substance. Suspect Hanson wore bulky clothing which appeared covered in fresh dirt.

Deputies Runge and Cosola decided to detain Suspect Hanson pending an under the influence of a controlled substance and possible vandalism investigation. As they exited their vehicle, Suspect Hanson "jumped up and took off running northbound." Deputies Cosola and Runge initiated a two man foot pursuit of Suspect Hanson. Deputy Runge broadcasted the foot pursuit over the radio while Deputy Cosola focused on Suspect Hanson. While Deputy Cosola chased Suspect Hanson, he retrieved his Taser from its holster. Within a few seconds into the foot pursuit, Suspect Hanson stopped in the middle of the street and turned toward Deputy Cosola.

Suspect Hanson lifted his fists and lowered his center of gravity into a fighting stance. When Deputy Cosola stopped four feet away from Suspect Hanson, he pointed his Taser at Suspect Hanson's center mass and told him to get on the ground or he would be tased. Suspect Hanson moved his right fist backward near his ear as if about to throw a punch. Deputy Cosola responded by shooting the Taser at Suspect Hanson. The Taser did not appear to be effective as Suspect Hanson turned and continued to run northbound on 15<sup>th</sup> Street.

Deputies Runge and Cosola chased Suspect Hanson and gave verbal commands to stop. Suspect Hanson did not comply. As the deputies closed the distance to Suspect Hanson within a few feet, he ran up a residential gravel driveway. Halfway up the driveway, Suspect Hanson stopped and turned toward the deputies. He took a fighting stance and punched Deputy Runge approximately three times in the chest and shoulder area. Deputy Runge punched Suspect Hanson in the face one time which stunned him for a brief moment. While Suspect Hanson was stunned, Deputy Cosola took him down to the ground by his right arm. Deputy Cosola's goal in taking Suspect Hanson down to the ground was to gain a position of advantage and to handcuff him.

Suspect Hanson landed on his left side on the ground. Suspect Hanson violently thrashed his body as he punched and kicked at Deputies Runge and Cosola. Deputy Cosola described Suspect Hanson as being very strong. Deputies Runge and Cosola kneeled next to Suspect Hanson while on the ground. Deputy Runge told Suspect Hanson to stop fighting, but he did not comply. Suspect Hanson continued to punch and kick at Deputies Runge and Cosola. Deputy Runge punched Suspect Hanson in the face approximately seven times while Deputy Cosola kneeled Suspect Hanson approximately three times on his upper leg area.

When Suspect Hanson was on his back, Deputies Runge and Cosola placed their knees on his arms, and used their body weight to pin Suspect Hanson to the ground. Their body weight controlled Suspect Hanson and he stopped his assault. Deputies Runge and Cosola maintained their positions until assisting units arrived. When additional personnel arrived, they helped roll Suspect Hanson onto his stomach and they handcuffed him without resistance.

A Hobble restraint device was placed around Suspect Hanson's ankles, which he did not resist. Suspect Hanson was searched, and Deputies found a broken methamphetamine pipe in his pant pocket.

Deputy Cosola reported his force used and witnessed force to Sergeant Christian Scott.

### **WITNESS STATEMENTS**

On October 12, 2021, at 1211 hours, Witness [REDACTED] was interviewed by IAB investigators at [REDACTED], [REDACTED] 15<sup>th</sup> Street East Palmdale, CA.

Witness [REDACTED] was unloading a truck in the driveway of his [REDACTED] on the day of the incident. While unloading the truck, Witness [REDACTED] heard a male voice yelling "Stop" from the street (the street was approximately 40 yards from his position). He turned and saw two deputies, one with a yellow Taser, chasing a male suspect wearing a big coat. The suspect ran into a front yard of a residence, stopped, and turned toward the deputies. Suspect Hanson attempted to punch one of the deputy's, but the deputy ducked and appeared not to be struck by the punch. The deputies took the suspect down to the ground by his arms and pinned him. While on the ground, the deputies told the suspect to "stop." The Deputies handcuffed the suspect as several additional radio cars arrived in the street.

**IAB Note:** Witness [REDACTED] told IAB investigators that Witness [REDACTED] had moved to Mexico. IAB investigators attempted to contact Witness [REDACTED] the phone number given by Witness [REDACTED] during his interview with Sergeant Grimes. Witness [REDACTED]'s phone number was no longer in service.

### **SUSPECT STATEMENTS**

#### **Suspect Moses Hanson**

On February 16, 2021, at 2041 hours, Suspect Hanson was interviewed by IAB investigators inside the Palmdale Station jail. Suspect Hanson agreed to make a voluntary statement.

**IAB Note: Suspect Hanson appeared delusional during the interview and could not appropriately answer the majority of questions.**

Suspect Hanson was the President and had special powers. Suspect Hanson helped people, but then a man put a chip in his head. Suspect Hanson did not use narcotics, but had smoked his "vape" and possessed a "pookie" (a methamphetamine pipe). Suspect Hanson said his methamphetamine pipe had ancient scrolls from the founders that were very important.

Suspect Hanson indicated, when the deputies stopped their patrol vehicle, they jumped out very fast. When the deputies exited their vehicle, Suspect Hanson got up and walked away. The deputies chased him for no reason because he was not doing anything wrong. Suspect Hanson said the deputies used the Taser on him and he felt it in half of his head.

Suspect Hanson did not dig up the tree, it was already "broke over." Suspect Hanson did admit to digging down under the tree to get a lot of gold, but said only he could get it.

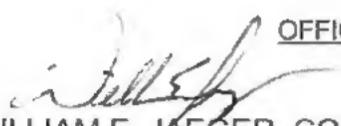
Suspect Hanson had a history of [REDACTED] and took [REDACTED] to control it, but he has not taken his medication in months.

Witness Hanson had difficulty communicating and identifying any injuries. He did not have any prior contacts with the two deputies who arrested him.

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**FROM:** WILLIAM E. JAEGER, COMMANDER  
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS  
DIVISION

**TO:** RONALD T. SHAFFER, CAPTAIN  
PALMDALE STATION

**SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS**

Case Number: FO2526126  
Incident: Category 3 Use of Force  
Incident Date: February 16, 2021  
Unit: Palmdale Station  
Suspect(s): Hanson, Moses, MH/112309  
Involved Employees: Deputy Blake Runge, # [REDACTED]  
Deputy Jacob Cosola, # [REDACTED]  
EFRC Date: January 6, 2022

The Executive Force Review Committee (EFRC) consisting of Commanders Jason A. Skeen, Jose J. Rios, and William E. Jaeger (Chair) met and reviewed the above case.

**FINDINGS:**

The EFRC Panel determined the tactics and force used by Deputies Runge and Cosola were within Department policy.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The EFRC Panel recommended the station conduct a tactical debrief of the incident with the involved personnel.

The EFRC Panel also recommended Deputy Runge, # [REDACTED], and Deputy Cosola, # [REDACTED] attend the following Department training courses:

Runge, # [REDACTED]

Cosola, # [REDACTED]

1. **Tactics and Survival – Critical Incident Response (High Risk Contacts)** (key points: tactical communication and decision making) and;
2. **Strategic Communications** (key point: tactical communication).

Chief Dennis Kneer concurred with the panel's recommendation.

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